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was also faithful and brave. Always a fierce warrior, he was nevertheless loyal, sympathetic, and just. Fearless in battle, he was still an admirer of beautiful things, a lover of peace and quiet, and always grateful for the good conferred by the Great Spirit. "I never take a drink of water from a spring", he said, "without being mindful of His goodness." Not infrequently, during the closing years of his life, Black Hawk expressed regret that the tomahawk had been raised. "While the Great Spirit above keeps my heart as it now is, I will be the white man's friend."

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